

PORT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, October 14, 2013**
Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by Neil McKloskey at 11:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey
Vice-President Craig Dickman
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner John Hanitz
Commissioner Tom Klimek
Commissioner Ron Antonneau, arrived at 11:35 am

Not Excused: Commissioner Greg Flisram

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&SW
Scott Selby, RGL Holdings
Paul Srubas, Green Bay Press Gazette

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by John Hanitz. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – August 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Tom Klimek asked that the minutes be modified to note that he was present at the August 6, 2013 Harbor Commission meeting. **A motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2013 as modified was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Bryan Hyska.** Unanimously approved.

5) Northeast Asphalt Property Sales – Update

Northeast Asphalt agreed to the sale price and conditions. Based on the City of Green Bay and agreed to by Northeast Asphalt, the property will be separated into two parcels, one to the east and one to the west of Atkinson Drive to adjoin the 2 separate existing properties owned by Northeast Asphalt. Originally, the department was going to retain an easement across the end of Atkinson Drive to access the Bayport property; however, the Brown County Property Listing Department and Corporation Council advised the Port to retain the property parcel for access to the physical property and in turn provide an easement to Northeast Asphalt. The acreage was reduced slightly by about a half-acre. The documents are being worked on then will go to PD&T and then County Board later this year.

6) 2014 Budget - Update

On October 28th, the Port & Resource Recovery budget will go to PD&T. The County Executive has advanced the budget with no changes beside the reorganization of the department and the resulting salary savings. Chad Doverspike, Operations Manager, will now be in charge of things physically operating like the Bysby property, the Bayport facility, and potentially Renard and Cat Island. Chad has been on the Solid Waste side for 18 years. Mark Walter, Business Development Manager will be responsible for related business development activities.

7) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project – Update

The Corps of Engineers stated that they are at Station 70 as far as project completion, which is approaching project completion. The cost is still at 75% of the original budget for the County's portion of the project. The wave barrier portion of the project is expected to be completely finished by mid-November; then the project will move into the next phase. The project was not affected by the Government shut-down. There is much interest in the project locally as well as nationally. The City of Green Bay will be presenting the Port with the Mayor's Beautification Award at an event which will be held November 7th, 2013 at the Riverside Ballroom. The Cat Island Project will be presented an award for environmental benefits to the area.

The Corps has provided a draft Operations & Maintenance Manual which will be discussed with the Cat Island Advisory Committee at its next meeting. The Manual will need to be adopted before use of the facility.

8) Renard Island Closure – Update

Peter's Concrete was hired by the Federal Government to complete the closure activities well within their budget. Unfortunately, with the I-43 closure will likely impact their budget. There will be additional travel time and mileage that may need to be adjusted for to go around the I-43 Bridge. The closure needs to be done during the winter for the frozen conditions to drive on the dredged material and the island itself.

Mark Walter, the Department's Business Development Manager, will be submitting a Chapter 30 permit application to conditionally accept ownership of the causeway. The application will ask the WI DNR if there are any necessary design changes needed to make the causeway permanent. The Corps estimated removal of the causeway is \$100,000. Friends of Bay Beach had already sent an email correspondence to the WDNR Secretary and Governor's office identifying the causeway as vitally important to their long-term Bay Beach plans. Many other local organizations are supportive of the ownership transfer and permitting of the causeway as a permanent structure.

9) Water Resource Development Act – Update

The Water Resource Development Act has been really dynamic and is a very important piece of Legislation to the ports of the country. Lobbyists for the American Great Lakes Ports Association wrote a summary of the law which broke it down in pieces. If this law is passed, it will provide a couple things. One, the Harbor Maintenance Tax collects over a billion dollars a year and yet the Corps only dredges hundreds of millions of dollars of dredging projects so this directs them to have full access of that money for dredging purposes. Currently the money is being used in other ways so this law would show a schedule where to use that money each year. The draft legislation frees up money for small harbors, it also earmarks 20% of that new revenue to the Great Lakes, and also look at the Great Lakes as a system altogether. This law should be voted on within the next three to six months.

10) WPCA Visioning Document – Update

Brown County is working on a grant application project on behalf of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association to create a statewide master plan and vision for all the commercial ports within the state. The department applied for a grant in the fall of 2012 and which was awarded this spring by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. A separate grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation was also awarded to help move the program forward. A meeting has been set up to meet with WI Coastal Management Program, WI Department of Transportation, WEDC and CFIRE in Madison to kick off the project. There is now enough funding to cover both phases of the project.

11) Director's Report

The Wastewater division of the DNR has come to the department and believes that there should be a general permit for water from the five outfalls of the Bayport facility. Water hits the outside of our berm and goes to the bay. Since operations began 15 years ago, the pipes have essentially always been dry. There is also the pond from dewatering the dredge material, if it goes down and hits the drain tile and carries through the ditch to the pond, which is intended to settle out sediment and let the clean water exit the facility.

The DNR is proposing changing the approval process of all dredging projects. They have now determined that when dredged material is picked up off the lake bed and as soon as the bucket goes over the scow, the water needs to be managed. The discharge needs to have a water permit for on the dredging side and the facility's placement side. A suggestion was made to write a letter to the DNR to inform them of the Port's position that the facility has been operating 15 years under existing guidelines effectively, that we understand there is potential change coming as it relates to water disposal that would be opposed to any changes or permit requirements that would come from any arbitrary change in policy for something that has operated effectively and that additional burdens upon business, municipalities and residents needing a dredging permit is unnecessary.

12) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion to approve the Bills was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

13) September Tonnage Report – Request for Approval

The tonnage is down about 1 %. Most of the salt deliveries for the year are in but not the limestone. Great Lakes Calcium is expecting significantly more limestone than last year.

A motion to approve the September Tonnage Report was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

14) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

None

15) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Neil McKloskey, President
Harbor Commission

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